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In re Application of:

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# RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS DATED AUGUST 14, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application—Filing Date Granted, dated **August 14, 2001** and having a period for response that expired on October 14, 2001. A Petition for extending this period for response three months to January 14, 2002 accompanies this response. In response to this Notice, please find enclosed herewith:

- (a) Two faxed copies of signed Declarations, one by each inventor;
- (b) A Power of Attorney;
- (c) A separate Letter to the Draftsperson submitting substitute drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84;
- (d) Substitute drawings comprising twenty-eight (28) sheets of formal drawings and including Figs. 1-50;
- (e) A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application-Filing Date Granted;
- (f) A Petition for Extension of Time of three months to January 14, 2001. Should such a request be absent, please consider this the request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 as stated below;

- (g) A check in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the small entity amounts for a late filing declaration surcharge (\$65.00) and a three month extension of time fee (\$445.00); and
- (h) Return receipt postcard.

Assignments conveying the full interest in this Application are filed herewith under separate cover. If the foregoing check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing Docket No. 11533.0012.CPUS04. If there are any questions or matters that may be resolved or clarified through telephone interview, the undersigned attorney may be contacted at (650) 463-8281.

Respectfully Submitted,

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### NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

#### FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

#### Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
   A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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